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Exodus 12:2-8

‘On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of *his* father, a lamb for a household. ⁴ And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take *it* according to the number of the persons; according to each man’s need you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take *it* from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶ Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. ⁷ And they shall take *some* of the blood and put *it* on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it. ⁸ Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread *and* with bitter *herbs* they shall eat it.

What would be happening--

- All God's children would be eating
- They would be eating the same thing.
- They would be eating it at the same time.
- They would be eating it as much as possible in the same place.
- They would be thinking of God's passing over to redeem them from Egyptian slavery.
- They would be preparing for the future.

Instructions for Annual Observance

- The food, its preparation and date and time of eating were to be exactly as in the very first feast.
- “You may not sacrifice the Passover within any of your gates which the LORD your God gives you; but at the place where the LORD your God chooses to make His name abide, there you shall sacrifice the Passover at twilight, at the going down of the sun, at the time you came out of Egypt. (Deut. 16:5-6)
- Two other feasts to take place in Jerusalem (Deut. 16:16). They were called “convocations.”

Result of these CONVOCATIONS

- All the Israelites were eating
- They were eating the same things.
- They were eating it at the same time.
- They were eating it as much as possible in the same place.
- They were all be united in thinking about God and the blessings the feast commemorated.
- They were anticipating the final convocation for the feast in Heaven.
- They eagerly approached these feasts (Psalms, Lk.22:15)

Heaven: A Final Family Feast

- Isaiah 25:6 predicts a ‘feast for all peoples.’
- “I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness..(Matt. 8:11,12)
- “Now when one of those who sat at the table with Him heard these things, he said to Him, “Blessed *is* he who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God!” Then He said to him, “A certain man gave a great supper and invited many” (Lk. 14:15,16)
- Then he said to me, “Write: ‘Blessed *are* those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!’ ” (Rev. 19:9)



O. T. Feasts

What Feast Comes Between?

Heavenly Feast

And He took bread, gave thanks and broke *it*, and gave *it* to them, saying, “This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”

²⁰ Likewise He also *took* the cup after supper, saying, “This cup *is* the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you. (Luke 22:19-20)



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Heavenly Feast

“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread...” (Acts 2:42)

**“For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.”
(I Corinthians 11:26)**



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Heavenly Feast

By Christ redeemed, in Christ restored,
We keep the memory adored,
And show the death of our dear Lord
Until He come.

His body given in our stead
Is seen in this memorial bread,
And as we drink we see the blood
Until He come.

And thus, that dark betrayal
night
With the last advent we unite,
By one bright chain of loving
rite
Until He come.



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Heavenly Feast

Each Time We Observe the Lord's Supper...

As Israel remembered their escape from Egypt,

We remember our release from sin by the cross.

As Israel looked forward to the heavenly feast,

We look forward to Christ's coming again.

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The Lord's Supper is a communion of Saints everywhere in the world!

- Paul, in Ephesus wrote to brethren in Corinth:
- “For we, *though* many, are one bread *and* one body; for we all partake of that one bread” (1 Cor. 10:17).
- The homeland of Israel was small enough that citizens could go to Jerusalem to be in the same city.
- The gospel was for “all the world.” Citizens of the Kingdom of heaven could not be expected to go to one city to eat together.
- Wherever they are, God sees them as partaking “of one bread.”

When we partake of the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week-

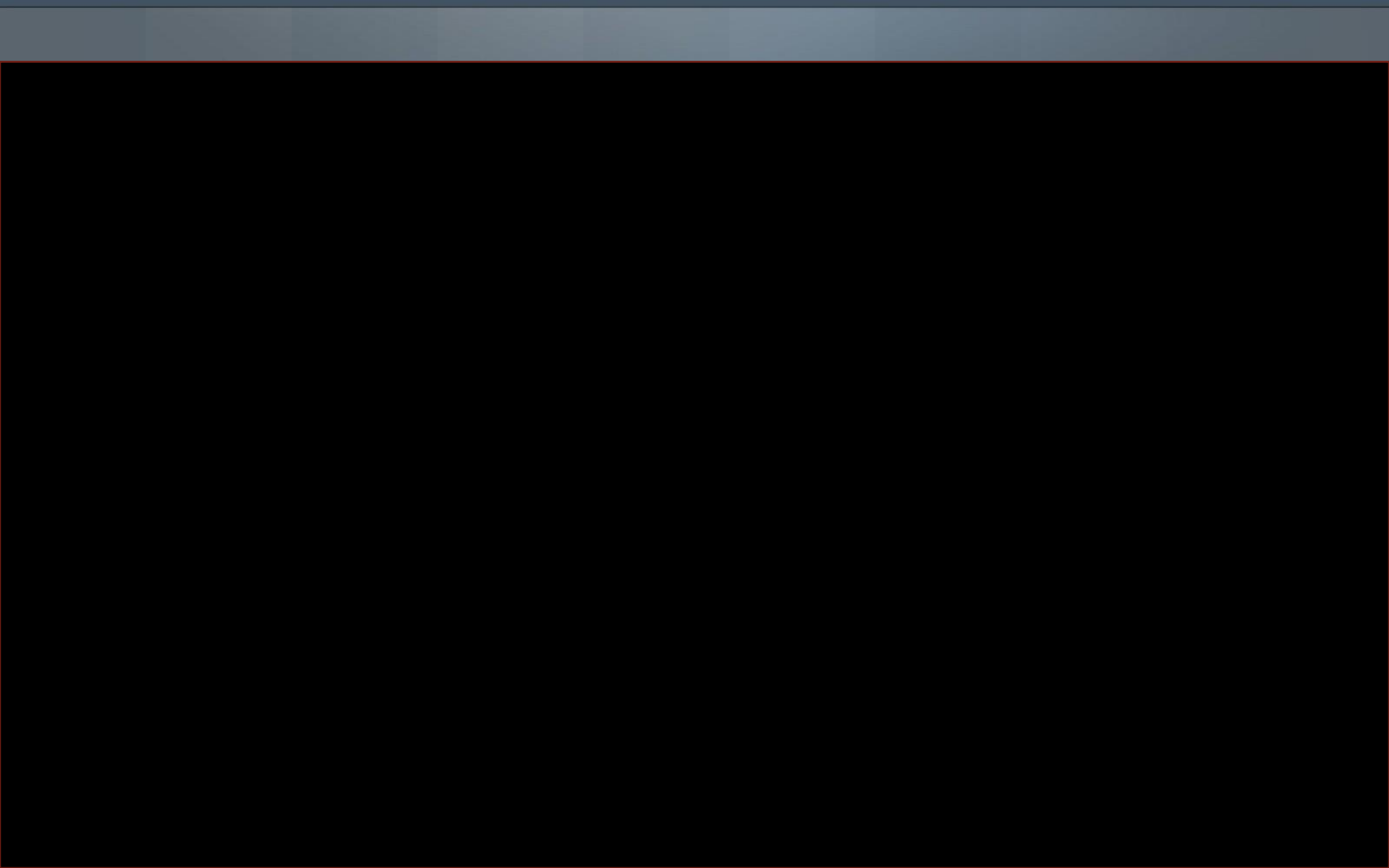
- All Christians everywhere are partaking.
- We are partaking of the same things.
- We are partaking on the same day.
- We are partaking in an assembly as much as possible in the same place.
- We are united in thinking of God's deliverance from their slavery to sin by the cross..
- We are preparing for the future feast in heaven.

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O. T. Feasts

Heavenly Feast

**See, the feast of love is spread,
Drink the wine, and break the bread:
Sweet memorials, till the Lord
Calls us round his heav'nly board;
Some from earth, from glory some,
Severed only till he come.**



23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the *same* night in which He was betrayed took bread; **24** and when He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, “Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” **25** In the same manner *He* also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me.”

1 Corinthians 11:23-25

How often should this be?

How often should a church meet?

- Churches of most denominations meet every Sunday.
- Why is this practice so nearly universal?
- “Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also:
2 On the first *day* of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come. (1 Cor. 16:1-2)
- “On the first day of every week” (NASB)
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If these Verses mean that--

- **A church should meet every Sunday**
- **Should take a collection every Sunday**
- **Why not “break bread” every Sunday?**

What is the evidence for----

- Annual Observance?
- Quarterly Observance?
- Monthly Observance?

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**Weekly Observance is the Only Frequency
for which there is any evidence at all!**

**If different groups of Christians
choose different frequencies of
observance, then the whole idea
of togetherness is lost!**

**If every congregation should have
the Lord's Supper Every Lord's Day**

**Then every Christian should be
present if possible.**